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SUBJECT: VATICAN OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON MID-EAST

1. DRAWING FROM WIRELESS FILE AND DEPT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENTS, WE GAVE VATICAN'S DESK OFFICER FOR ME BRIEFING OCT 10 ON US POSITION RE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES WITH EMPHASIS ON OUR EFFORTS AT UN. SOURCE

EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR VIEWS AND NOTED THAT VATICAN HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPORTS FROM ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN AREA. VATICAN PARTICULARLY DISTRESSED OVER NEWS OF ISRAELI BOMBING OF DAMASCUS. ALTHOUGH THEY REALIZE THIS DONE IN RETALIATION FOR SYRIAN MISSILE ATTACK ON ISRAELI CIVILIANS, VATICAN DOUBTS THAT A FAIR QUID PRO QUO.

2. DESK OFFICER WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO MENTION THAT HE HAD FOUND AMBASSADOR SCALI'S REMARKS CONCERNING NEED TO RETURN TO THE OCT 6 CEASE-FIRE LINE MOST SURPRISING AND LIKELY TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN SEARCH FOR END HOSTILITIES. WE POINTED OUT THAT SCALI STATEMENT SHOULD BE READ IN CONTEXT OF OTHER OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ON ME.

USG HOPEFUL THAT A SOLUTION TO ME CONFLICT ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES CAN BE FORMULATED AT UNSC AND WE DO NOT FAVOR PRESSING ANY SUGGESTIONS WHICH OTHER SC MEMBERS LIKELY TO REJECT.

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